

BERLIN WILL NOT DISAVOW THE SINKING OF LUSITANIA

Germany Replies To American Demand That It Cannot Admit Destruction of Big Cunarder Was 'Illegal Act' Under Law

WASHINGTON WARNED NOT TO PRESS ISSUE

This Attitude Brings About Another 'Serious Crisis' Which President Wilson Hopes To Bridge By Use of Persuasion

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—The issue between the United States and Germany over the latter's disregard of the American warning, officially given, that the power regarding the rights of Americans to travel safely on their lawful business on the merchant ships of any nation, would be held to "strict account," has again approached a crisis, with semi-official warnings from Berlin that it will not be safe to press the American contention that the German act was illegal in the sinking of the Lusitania.

German Reply Delivered
The official German reply to the last American note, which insisted upon the German government acknowledging the responsibility of the act which sent the British liner to the bottom, with the loss of more than a hundred American lives, was yesterday delivered by Count von Bernstorff, who conferred briefly with Secretary of State Lansing, the conference lasting about five minutes. At the conclusion of the conference, without giving out the official text of the German reply, Secretary Lansing announced that the situation is "unchanged."

Persuasion May Be Tried
President Wilson, who returned from his speechmaking tour, was in consultation with Secretary Lansing and several others in regard to the Lusitania situation, but declined to make any statement in the matter. It is understood, however, that he desires the negotiations to be continued, in the hope that the German foreign office may be led to accept the American interpretation of the international law governing the case.

Authorized press dispatches received from Berlin on positive terms that the German government will not meet the American contention that the act of the German submarine commander in sinking the Lusitania was illegal. Berlin will not yield.

The Associated Press correspondent in Berlin cables that under no circumstances will such an admission be officially made by the German foreign office. The latest instructions forwarded to Ambassador von Bernstorff, The Associated Press learns, contain simply one phrase of a new formulation of the proposed German note of protest. The suggested sentence of this new draft consists of only eight words and does not contain the word "illegal."

This new draft of the German note of protest represents the limit of Germany's concessions in the Lusitania case. Because of the demands made by the American notes, which insist that Germany shall admit the sinking of the liner was illegal, the situation is viewed here as one of the most serious crises of the war.

Outcome Is In Doubt
It is impossible to foresee the outcome. The result appears to hinge on the word "illegal" and what the United States will do to carry out its insistence that the German government recognize the violation of international law.

The Associated Press is also informed positively and authoritatively that Germany cannot and will not designate "illegal" the sinking of a liner by a submarine.

Limit Apparently Reached
Herbert Alfred Zimmermann, under secretary for foreign affairs in the German cabinet, has granted an interview to The Associated Press correspondent in which he says:

"Germany is willing to do everything in its power to meet American wishes, but there are limits beyond which even friendship snaps. You must not push your demands too far nor attempt to humiliate Germany."

PRESIDENT IS HOME PLEASED WITH TOUR
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—President Wilson has reached home after what he declares was a most successful trip. He is already planning another tour of the country in the interest of his peace campaign, as soon as the diplomatic situation will permit his leaving the White House. The next time he probably will cover parts of the Northwest and the Far West, as well as sections of the South.

AMERICAN NAVY NEVER WAS IN BETTER SHAPE

Admiral Blue Praises Personnel and Ships of Service

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—Rear Admiral Victor Blue, who appeared before the house naval committee yesterday, told that body that the personnel of the service was never better or higher than at present.

Admiral Blue is chief of the bureau of navigation, which has charge of the personnel of the navy. In answer to questions put him by members of the committee, the admiral said:

"This talk of deterioration of personnel in the navy is baseless. Never in the history of the country was the personnel of the service higher than now. Never were the ships of the navy better manned and officered."

The admiral also praised the efforts of Secretary Daniels to build up the naval service.

EIGHT MONTHS MORE DREDGING AT CANAL

General Goethals Tells House Committee of Tremendous Slides

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—Major General Goethals testified yesterday that it will be eight months before the canal is cleared of its slides for good. He appeared before the house appropriation committee yesterday and spoke for some time on the great canal, and the problems that are now being worked out there.

In replying to questions asked by members of the committee he denied that the cause of the recent slides was the admission of water into the ditch before the work of excavation had been completed. In all, he told the committee, 8,000,000 cubic yards of earth had tumbled into the canal in the last big slides. The dredges are now removing this earth at the rate of 1,000,000 yards monthly.

General Goethals added that he is confident that when the canal is cleared this time, there will be no further trouble with the cuts.

GREAT BRITAIN DEMANDS RETURN OF LINER APPAM

Bases Action Upon Clause In The Hague Convention

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 4.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, today presented at the state department a formal demand for the return of the British liner Appam to the British owners.

The British ambassador bases his demand upon the provision in The Hague Convention making it obligatory upon a neutral to seize any prize of war brought into its ports which does not depart when ordered, intern the prize crew and return the prize to its former owner, to which provision the United States and Germany are each adhering parties.

The secretary of state has already pronounced the Appam a prize of war and not an auxiliary cruiser, subject to internment.

CHINESE TELEGRAPH LINES DISCONTINUED

(Special Cablegram to Liberty News.)
SHANGHAI, February 4.—The Kiang Si and Shanghai telegraph line has been discontinued by Yuan Shih-kai's officials. It is thought that the move was made to keep news of the success of the Republican troops from the people of this city. It is known that Yuan Shih-kai has recalled his sixth division from the province of Kiang Si.

FIVE PERSONS PERISH WHEN TRAPPED BY FIRE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ATLANTIC CITY, February 4.—Three women and two men perished and eight others were injured today in a fire which destroyed the Overbrook hotel. A large crowd, helpless to take any rescue measures, saw a woman burn to death in a high window. Several are missing, various counts making the number from two to six.

TROOPS OF YUAN HAVE WON IMPORTANT VICTORY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—The Chinese embassy here yesterday made public dispatches from the Peking government announcing the victories of government troops over the rebels in the Su Chow Pu district. The revolutionists are said to have suffered heavily in the fighting and are retreating before the Yuan soldiers.

GUNS OF ALLIES ACTIVE

BERLIN, February 4.—There is continued and increasing activity of the Allies' artillery forces on the Franco-Belgian front, it is officially reported. An explosion of a British mine destroyed a crater which the Germans were occupying near Holluch. Intensive hand-to-hand fighting is proceeding on the nearby front.

LOSS OF NAVAL SIGNAL CODE BOOK IS SERIOUS

Incident Leads To Court-Martial of An Officer

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
VALLEJO, California, February 5.—Lieut. Herbert Jones, former commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Hull, was notified yesterday that he is under arrest, and would be tried by a naval court-martial at San Francisco, February 9. Lieutenant Jones is held responsible for the disappearance of a naval signal code book, two months ago.

Ensign Robert Fitzgerald, executive officer of the Hull, in whose direct care the missing book was held, has offered to assume entire responsibility for the loss of the book, but the authorities at Washington have refused to grant his request that he stand trial instead of his former commanding officer.

Rear Admiral Reeves will preside at the coming court-martial of Lieutenant Jones.

BERLIN HAS CONFIRMED LOSS OF ONE ZEPPELIN

Aircraft Presumably Sinks After Falling Into North Sea

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 5.—Official confirmation of the report that one of the Zeppelins which attempted a raid against the east coast of England yesterday was hit so badly by the British anti-aircraft guns that she fell into the North Sea, has been received in Berlin dispatches, which announce that the L-19, which had gone on a reconnaissance trip, has not returned to her base and has not been heard from.

British destroyers yesterday searched the North Sea in the vicinity of the place where a trawler had sighted the helpless aircraft, but no trace of the Zeppelin could be found.

It is presumed that she has sunk.

TRANSFERRED ADMIRAL OPPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Secretary of Navy Tells Why He Made Change

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels yesterday made a formal statement of his reasons for transferring Rear-Admiral Stanford to the command of the Philadelphia navy yard after orders had been issued sending the officer to command the Mare Island yard.

Mr. Daniels says that he was convinced the change would be for the good of the service, as Admiral Stanford has gone on record as being opposed to the further development of the Mare Island yard.

The secretary said that he believes that the feeling against Stanford on the coast is strong, and would hamper his work.

APPEAL MADE FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS IN ARKANSAS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LITTLE ROCK, February 4.—An urgent appeal soliciting federal aid for the thousands of flood sufferers in Arkansas is being sent to Washington by the governor.

SIX PERISH IN FLAMES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BROOKLYN, February 4.—Fire today destroyed the home of the widow of Casimir Tag, president of the German Savings Bank. The widow was saved from death, but her daughters, Caroline, Helen and Hannah Shavley, a cousin, a nurse and two servants, perished. The daughter Caroline saved her mother.

ACHY JOINTS FORETELL TROUBLE

Achy joints give warning of disturbances inside the body, just as they foretell bad weather.

Those afflicted with aches, swollen, painful joints tell of uric acid in the blood, of weakened kidneys that are not doing their duty.

For healthy kidneys filter the blood. They take out the uric acid and pass it off.

HOT CANNONADE RUSS FLAME LINE DOWN WEST FRONT

England Awaits News of Another Drive Against Teutonic Trenches By Allies

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 5.—Great Britain is impatiently waiting for an announcement that another allied drive against the Teutons on the Western front has commenced. The prolonged bombardment of the entire German line from the Belgian border to the snow covered Vosges mountains, is taken here to mean but one thing—another assault.

Just when or where that assault will remain, of course, a military secret, but the reports from the firing line give no hint of it even to the military experts who have been following every move of the great armies in the field.

Paris and Berlin are in accord regarding the fearfulness of the allied bombardment that runs a zone of explosion continuous from the waters of the channel near Newport, almost to the famous bloody field of Hartmannswierkopf, where the German Landwehr and the French territorial have been waging such a prolonged and sanguinary struggle.

Infantry Landing a Hand
Nor are the great guns alone in their work of destruction, for the French official communication reports that all along the hundred miles of fighting the infantry are joining in with hand grenades and the more deadly grenade hurled by means of catapults from the sunken trenches.

The heaviest fire is said to be in the Argonne district, around the salient which the German Crown Prince thrust into the flank of General Joffre's army in the first mad rush of the Teutonic legions towards Paris. There, say the official reports, the Gallie artillery has increased its fire, as though it planned to blow the invaders back by Metz by "their confusion of the bursting shells."

British Guns Busy
While the French are steadily strengthening the pressure upon the part of the German lines in front of their trenches, the British artillery, stronger now than since the beginning of its guns to that of their allies. The war office here is silent, or touches but lightly on this phase of the contest, as has been its custom since the start of the strife, but from a multitude of sources, including the Paris and Berlin statements, comes the information that from the Somme to the Aisne the British guns are busy. "Violent" is the word that the official statements use in describing this section of the fight.

In the other fields of the war the warriors are also busy. Vienna reports an air raid by Austrian aviators on the Russian lines between Shimsk and Volhynia. These raids say the Austrians have caused severe fires in those towns, and have done much damage to the Slav munition depots there. This is how, however, the only news from the Russian or Galician front.

Advance In Albania
In Albania the Austrians are reported as advancing still, and are said to have taken the city of Kroia, twenty miles to the west of Durazzo, a mile three aeroplanes have been made upon Durazzo and Avlona.

Despatches from a neutral city, are authority for the report that the Kaiser for several days has been personally directing the war on the western front. It is also said that he was present at the conference of war at which the recent Zeppelin raid against England was planned.

YUAN CONTROL OF HUPEH THREATENED BY REBELS

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 3.—Yuan Shih-kai's troops stationed at Wuchang, in the province of Hupeh, are on the verge of an uprising, according to an authentic report which reached here today. This is the strongest post now held by Yuan Shih-kai in this section of China, and should the soldiers in Wuchang revolt, it means the complete overthrow of the Yuan power in Hupeh. At the present time this province is supposed to be one of the provinces that would still cling to the monarchy, but with Hupeh in control of the revolutionists the entire section south of the Yangtze-Kiang river will be controlled by the revolutionary party.

PARIS HEARS HEIR TO SULTAN ASSASSINATED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, February 3.—Yusuf Izzeddin, heir apparent to the Turkish throne and nephew of the reigning sultan, did not commit suicide, as he has been reported as doing, but was assassinated, declares Cherif Pasha, director of the movement of opposition to the Turkish government. Cherif Pasha told a reporter for the Paris M't'n that Yusuf Izzeddin was assassinated by order of the Turkish committee on Union and Progress. Yusuf is said to have revolted against the Young Turk party and it was feared by them that he would succeed in making himself dictator.

MESSANGER FROM POPE TO MEET MIKADO TODAY

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 3.—The messenger from Pope Benedict arrived in Tokyo yesterday and will meet the Emperor today at Tokyo palace. The Emperor has conferred upon him the Order of the Rising Sun, first class.

Minister of War Oka is ill and has gone to Oshio to recuperate, leaving his seat vacant in the diet.

It is announced that the 50,000,000 yen loan by Japan to Russia has been subscribed almost entirely.

BELGIUM NAMES BRITISHER HER MINISTER TO CHINA

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 3.—Mr. Winfield, secretary to the British ambassador in Tokyo, has been appointed minister to China by the Belgian government. After a conference between representatives of the British and Belgian governments the appointment was decided upon.

DUMA CONVENES THIS MONTH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, February 4.—It is reported that an imperial ukase, calling the Duma into session, will be issued at once. The date mentioned for the convening of the Duma is the eighteenth.

COUNT OKUMA EFFECTS SECRET UNDERSTANDING

Threatened Impeachment May Not Be Pushed By Enemies

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 4.—It is believed that Count Okuma, premier of Japan, will settle in private with the peers the different subjects of criticism and threatened impeachment which have been raised, such as the succession to the title and estate of Count Naga, former field marshal of the empire, sale of Japanese army guns to Russia, which was regarded as disclosing secrets of the military, etc.

Count Okuma and former Minister of Foreign Affairs Kato, a member of the House of Peers, who is of the Doshikai, or government party, met yesterday afternoon, and it is believed that they arranged a secret understanding.

MEANS END OF IMPEACHMENT
Honorable Japanese believe that this dispatch indicates that there will be no attempt to impeach the ministry. Throughout two sessions the opposition repeatedly has attacked the government on several grounds, but actual impeachment has been avoided.

BANDITS ROUT FORCE OF CARRANZA TROOPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, February 4.—News of the successful attack by a band of Villa bandits on a force under the command of a Carranza leader at Motecuma, reached here last night. Reinforcements have been hurried to the Carranzistas by General Gavira, commander of the garrison at Juarez. General Gavira earlier in the day reported that General Villa has been seen fifty miles east of Juarez, and that Carranza forces are closing in upon him fast.

JAPANESE LINER HITS ROCK IN INLAND SEA

(Special Cablegram to Nippo Jiji.)
TOKIO, February 3.—The N. Y. K. liner, Aburatsubo Maru hit a rock at Koji this morning while passing through the Shimonoeki strait at the entrance to the Inland sea. The Aburatsubo Maru, which left Yokohama on January 28, and called at Kobe on January 31. The steamer is a regular passenger boat plying between Yokohama and European ports.

FORMER BANK CLERK GERMAN CONSPIRATOR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, February 4.—Frederick Schindler, formerly a clerk in the employ of the National City Bank, was yesterday convicted of having sold to the agents of the Teutonic governments confidential secrets of his employer having to do with the dates and amounts of munition shipments being made to the Entente allies. Schindler was sentenced to an indeterminate period in prison.

ARREST REVEALS THEFT OF BALDWIN DIAMONDS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CHICAGO, February 3.—The arrest of a man and a woman here, charged with larceny, reveals the fact that Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stecker, daughter of the late "Lucky" Baldwin and a rich heiress, recently was robbed of \$500,000 worth of jewelry. Those arrested are charged with being implicated in the theft.

BRITONS GIVEN UNTIL MARCH TO ENTER ARMY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 4.—King George yesterday signed the formal proclamation which makes effective the recently enacted compulsory service act, the proclamation naming February 10 as the date upon which the act becomes the law of the land. The proclamation provides that all single men, subjects of the crown and physically fit, between the ages of nineteen and forty-one years, who have not already attested their willingness to serve when called upon under the terms of the Derby plan, and who are not otherwise exempt, must sign the volunteer rolls before March 2. Those who have not attested their willingness to serve by that date will be ordered into service as conscripts.

AMERICAN SENATE ASKED TO DENOUNCE HOLOCAUST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—Senator Thomas, a Democrat, yesterday introduced a resolution in the senate, calling upon that body to declare that the destruction of the parliament house at Ottawa was an "act of deliberately planned incendiarism." Senator Gallagher objected to the passage of this resolution on the ground that there was no evidence to support the contention that the destruction of the building was other than an unfortunate accident.

OFFICERS OF MEXICAN CUSTOMS DEMAND GOLD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DOUGLAS, February 4.—Every official in the Nogales, Sonora, customs service has notified the Carranza government that they will resign unless their salaries are paid in gold. Heretofore they have been receiving pay in Constitutional paper money, which is worth three cents on the dollar.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN WEST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, February 4.—Artillery duels are in progress today along many parts of the western front, notably near Drunkov, in the valley of the Fecht, and near Altmatt.

DON'T RISK PNEUMONIA

Get rid of every cold as quickly as possible. It is the forerunner of all pulmonary trouble, and pneumonia may develop in a few hours. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is a simple, quick cure, but the effect is a sure, sure thing. For sale by all dealers. Pen N. Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

SCORES DIE WHEN TWO SHIPS CRASH

One Hundred and Sixty Drowned In Collision Near Port of Swatow

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SHANGHAI, February 5.—One hundred and sixty passengers on board the Japanese steamer Daijin Maru, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, were drowned Wednesday when that vessel crashed into the steamer Lianan, eighty miles from Swatow. Twenty of the passengers and crew of the Japanese liner were saved.

The Lianan was crippled but is reported by wireless, to be on her way back to Hongkong, from which port she sailed. Most of the drowned are Chinese, who broke into an uncontrolled panic when the collision occurred. The steamer tilted so quickly that it was almost impossible to render assistance, although the injured Lianan, which had trouble in keeping afloat, tried to save a few.

The Daijin Maru was a passenger and freight carrier, plying between Oriental ports only. She was of 1527 tons burden.

Wireless appeals for aid sent a number of Japanese battleships scurrying to the scene of the accident, but they arrived too late to be of any assistance.

VILLA IS BEING HEMMED IN BY CARRANZA TROOPS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, February 5.—General Villa, with a few followers, is reported to have been seen near Bosque Bonito, southeast of this city. Many of Villa's men are said to be deserting him, and to have formed two separate bands of bandits, both of which are said to be proceeding westward. Carranza troops are said to have come in touch with the Villa command, and they have begun the battle, which Carranza officials at Juarez declare will end with the capture of the bandit chief.

FIFTY-FIVE GENERALS LOST BY FRANCE IN WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, February 5.—The publication of Paris, issued this morning, announces that it has compiled a list of the officers who have died for their country. Under the caption, "Honor Roll," the publication gives a full list. It included fifty-five generals, a petty one colonel, 155 lieutenant-colonels and 113 officers of the engineer corps.

RUSSIA PLANS TO FLOAT ANOTHER LARGE WAR LOAN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, February 5.—The London Times this morning prints the announcement that Russia is preparing to float a loan of \$25,000,000 along the lines adopted by the British and French commissioners who negotiated the loan of the Allies with American bankers. The loan, which will be in the nature of a "credit loan," will be used to liquidate the obligations Russia has contracted in the purchase of munitions of war.

REDMOND ISSUES APPEAL TO IRISH TO AID BRITAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
DUBLIN, February 3.—John Redmond, the Irish parliamentary leader, in a public address here today issued a stirring appeal for more recruits from Ireland.

"It is essential for Ireland to guard her higher interests," he said, "to maintain her honor and to show that she is willing and eager to fulfill her obligations. Any impression that Ireland is shirking will be deadly to our future interests."

AMERICAN SENATE ASKED TO DENOUNCE HOLOCAUST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—Senator Thomas, a Democrat, yesterday introduced a resolution in the senate, calling upon that body to declare that the destruction of the parliament house at Ottawa was an "act of deliberately planned incendiarism." Senator Gallagher objected to the passage of this resolution on the ground that there was no evidence to support the contention that the destruction of the building was other than an unfortunate accident.

SEVEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD

It is now known that there are at least seven dead, among whom is B. B. Law, a member of the house of commons, at first reported missing. The total money loss has been estimated at about \$3,000,000, but it may reach a far greater sum, when the full amount of damage done by the explosion and flames is learned.

The valuable library was saved by the hard work of the militia and police. Both wings were saved by the efforts of the firemen.

SENATE PASSES JONES BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—The Jones bill, granting additional powers of self government to the Philippines and guaranteeing independence after four years was passed by the senate yesterday with a vote of 52 to 24.

POLICE HOLD ONE SUSPECT FOR OTTAWA CATASTROPHE

Charles Strony, Who Claims To Be Native of Belgium Is Arrested By The Canadian Officials At Windsor, Ontario

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
OTTAWA, Ontario, February 5.—The police answered the demand of the people that those responsible for the destruction of the parliament buildings Thursday night be brought to justice, by arresting Charles Strony at Windsor, Ontario, late yesterday afternoon, just as he was about to cross into the United States. Strony had a ticket to Chicago in his pocket when apprehended.

The suspect, the first to be arrested in connection with the destruction of the parliament building, which resulted in the cremation of seven persons, several of them women, denied that he was in any way connected with that catastrophe.

Claims To Be Belgian

Strony claims to be a Belgian musician, and told the police of the border town that he has just recently played at a concert given in honor of the Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada. In spite of his assertions he is being held for a searching investigation.

While this is the first arrest, it is understood that, despite the assertion made earlier in the day that the fire was not due to human agency, the Dominion police are making ready to arrest several other suspects. It is probable that some of these arrests will be made today.

People Feel Outraged

Ottawa slowly awoke yesterday to the extent of the holocaust which has robbed the city and the Dominion of their most famous structure, which stood for more than half a century on Parliament Hill overlooking the city. And as the people realized the extent of their loss in lives and money, and the things that money cannot replace, their rage grew against the perpetrators of the deed, for the general feeling here is that an incendiary's hand laid the bomb which destroyed the parliament building.

Demand For Investigation

Almost before the papers carried the details of the great conflagration to the people of Ottawa, came their demand that the police and government officials conduct a searching investigation into the causes of the fire, which sent seven persons through flame to death.

The death list has been growing since the ruins began to cool and the searchers have had an opportunity to dig deeper into the debris that marks the site of the parliament structure.

Seven Known To Be Dead

It is now known that there are at least seven dead, among whom is B. B. Law, a member of the house of commons, at first reported missing. The total money loss has been estimated at about \$3,000,000, but it may reach a far greater sum, when the full amount of damage done by the explosion and flames is learned.

The valuable library was saved by the hard work of the militia and police. Both wings were saved by the efforts of the firemen.

SENATE PASSES JONES BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 5.—The Jones bill, granting additional powers of self government to the Philippines and guaranteeing independence after four years was passed by the senate yesterday with a vote of 52 to 24.